REMARKS

The accompanying sequence listing in computer readable format and statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821(e) and (f), along with the following remarks, are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Notice dated January 30, 2004. The application date and number as well as the priority date and number have been added for compliance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the attached sequence listing and statement, to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Substantive consideration of the claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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